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1. THE FINNISH PRESS TODAY FOCUSED ON THE ARRIVAL STATEMENTS OF CSCE DELEGATION LEADERS, REPORTED ON EXPECTED BILATERAL MEETINGS AND DESCRIBED THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUMMIT, EACH NEWSPAPER DEVOTING SEVERAL PAGES TO THE CSCE. EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON CSCE INCLUDED SEVERAL EDITORIALS WHICH WERE ALSO PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND OTHER OFFICIAL CSCE LANGUAGES.

2. PRESS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S ARRIVAL. HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS CARRIED ARRIVAL PICTURES FRONT-PAGE OF PRESIDENT FORD AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV. MOST NEWSPAPERS ALSO QUOTED PRESIDENT FORD'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN FULL. THE FINNISH BROADCASTING COMPANY SHOWED THE ARRIVALS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER IN ITS MAIN 9 P.M. TELEVISION NEWSCAST.. THE PRESIDENT'S FULL STATEMENT AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE AIRPORT WAS INCLUDED.

3. FORD AND BREZHNEV TO STAY UNTIL SATURDAY. PRESIDENT FORD AND PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV WILL STAY IN HELSINKI LONGER THAN EXPECTED, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED. THEY WILL MEET EACH OTHER AND ALSO PRESIDENT URHO KEKKONEN ON SATURDAY. THE FIRST FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WEDNESDAY AND THE SECOND AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY SATURDAY. A THIRD MEETING IS ALSO THOUGHT TO BE A POSSIBILITY, THE PAPER SAID. SALT IS EXPECTED TO BE THE MAIN TOPIC IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS. PRESIDENT FORD HAS SAID HE HOPES THAT HIS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV WOULD GIVE NEW MOMENTUM TO THE SALT TALKS, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, AMERICANS WARNED YESTERDAY AGAINST TOO MUCH OPTIMISM, THE PAPER SAID. HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, AND HE WILL MEET THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER CONSTANTIN CARAMANLIS AND THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER SULEYMAN DEMIREL.

4. U.S. FINNISH EXCHANGE FUND SET UP. SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET HAD A FRONT-PAGE STORY ON THE AGREEMENT BY PRESIDENTS FORD AND KEKKONEN TO DEPOSIT FINLAND'S WAR-LOAN PAYMENTS INTO A SPECIAL FUND TO BE USED IN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT AND CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI INCORPORATED NEWS ABOUT THE FUND IN THEIR GENERAL REPORTS ON COURTESY VISITS TO PRESIDENT KEKKONEN, WITH HELSINGIN SANOMAT HEADLINING ITS TWO-COLUMN STORY: " UKK AND FORD: ASLA GRANTS ASSURED." THE FINNISH BROADCASTING COMPANY'S EARLY MORNING RADIO NEWS PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDED A REPORT OF THIS FUND.

5. POLICE HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE BALTIC EXILES. RUMORS ABOUT THE ARREST OF TWO BALTIC EXILES, BOTH U.S. CITIZENS, WERE CIRCULATING IN HELSINKI YESTERDAY, INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED. THE TWO, JOSEPH VALIUNAS, LEADING MEMBER THE LITHUANIAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE OPERATING IN NEW YORK AND ULDIS GRAVA, A LATVIAN, WERE THOROUGHLY CHECKED AT HELSINKI AIRPORT, BUT WERE LATER RELEASED AND ARE NOW IN HELSINKI. SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET SAID IN A FRONT-PAGE STORY THAT THE FINNISH POLICE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GRAVAS FOR TWO WEEKS, AND HE AND JOSEPH VALIUNAS

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WERE BOTH INTERCEPTED BEFORE THEY REACHED THE PASSPORT CONTROLS. AFTER A WAIT OF FOUR AND A HALF HOURS AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO WASHINGTON AND TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, THE TWO MEN GOT PERMISSION TO ENTER FINLAND. BOTH WERE, HOWEVER, FOLLOWED BY AN UNMARKED POLICE CAR FROM THE AIRPORT TO THEIR HOTEL. AT THE MOMENT, THERE ARE THREE BALTIC EXILES IN FINLAND IN ADDITION TO THESE TWO HUFVUDSTADSBLADET SAID. ABOUT A DOZEN OTHERS FROM SWEDEN AND WEST GERMANY ARE EXPECTED EITHER

TODAY OR TOMORROW. THE EXILES ARE PLANNING TO HAVE A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF MARSHAL MANNERHEIM'S STATUE IN THE CENTER OF HELSINKI ON FRIDAY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY HUFVUDSTADSBLADET. GRAVAS AND VALIUNAS WERE BOTH ARRESTED DURING THE CSCE IN HELSINKI WHEN THEY WERE DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS AND PLANNING TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE. BOTH WERE RELEASED AFTER A REQUEST FROM SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS. GRAVAS TOLD HUFVUDSTADSBLADET THAT BEFORE PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO EUROPE HE MET BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND BOTH SHOWED GREAT UNDERSTANDING FOR THEIR VIEWPOINTS.

6. THE LEADERS OF MALTA AND PORTUGAL NOT TO ATTEND THE OPENING. THE OFFICIAL LEADERS OF THE MALTESE AND PORTUGUESE DELEGATIONS WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT THE OPENING OF THE CSCE, HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED. PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF OF MALTA HAS CANCELLED HIS VISIT TO HELSINKI. THE MALTESE DELEGATION WILL INSTEAD BE LEAD BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ANTON BUTTIGIEG WHO WILL ARRIVE IN HELSINKI WEDNESDAY EVENING. PRESIDENT FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMEZ OF PORTUGAL WILL NOT ARRIVE IN HELSINKI UNTIL THURSDAY WHEN HE IS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER PORTUGAL'S OFFICIAL CSCE SPEECH.

7. NEWSWEEK WRONG, DEMARI SAYS. "NEWSWEEK DISSEMINATES INCORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CSCE", SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEMARI SAID IN A HEADLINE. THE PAPER QUOTED NEWSWEEK'S PERISCOPE REPORT OF JULY 28, 1975 ABOUT HOTEL ROOM SHORTAGES IN HELSINKI, BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS HAVE BOOKED MOST OF THE LIMITED HOTEL SPACE IN HELSINKI. HANNU MANTYVAARA, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CSCE HOTEL ACCOMODATION TOLD DEMARI: "IN FACT, THE CASE IS AN OPPOSITE ONE: AMERICANS HAVE BOOKED MOST OF THE HOTEL ROOMS. 450 HOTEL ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR AMERICAN NEWSMEN AND DELEGATES, WHEREAS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET DELEGATION HAS REALLY NOTHING MORE THAN ONE HOTEL ROOM, AND SOVIET PRESS HAVE ABOUT TWENTY."

8. EDITORIAL COMMENT. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT EDITORIAL: "AS WE OURSELVES WELCOME ALL THE CSCE GUESTS, WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE FUTURE REDEEMS ALL THE HOPES THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THIS CONFERENCE - INCLUDING THE EXPECTATIONS OF THOSE BELIEVING IN THE FREEDOM TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION." SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET EDITORIAL: "THE MOST REMARKABLE FACT ABOUT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE IS PERHAPS THAT IT WAS ABLE TO GET AT START, AND FINALLY TO REACH AN UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED CONCLUSION." SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEMARI EDITORIAL: "ONE OF THE MOST ENCOURAGING ASPECTS OF THE CSCE AND THE HELSINKI DECLARATION IS THAT IT IS BASED ON PRESENT REALITIES. THE CONFERENCE

ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE MAKES US LOOK AHEAD."
OTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT: CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI: "AFTER
THE 1955 CONFERENCE OF THE BIG FOUR THAT ENDED THE COLD
WAR THERE WAS FOR SOME TIME TALK ABOUT THE 'SPIRIT OF GENEVA'
WHICH HOWEVER SOON EVAPORATED. HOPEFULLY, THE RESULTS
OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE ARE POSITIVE IN THE LONG RUN SO
THAT ONE COULD SPEAK ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI
IN MAKING FUTURE DECISIONS THAT PROMOTE DETENTE."
CENTER PARTY SUOMENMAA: "THE CSCE DOCUMENT IS DESIGNED
TO MAKE EUROPE MORE SECURE. IT IS A PROOF OF POLITICAL
WILL WHICH AIMS AT PEACE AND CLOSER COOPERATION ACROSS
IDEOLOGICAL BORDERS."
COMMUNIST KANSAN UUTISET: "THIS IS A GREAT EVENT IN WORLD
HISTORY, AND IT IS GREETED WITH SATISFACTION AND WITH
GREAT HOPES BY ALL THE FORCES IN THE WORLD WHO ARE ADVOCATING
PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN PROGRESS."
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